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HIS hymn has a remarkable history. The author, Sarah Fuller Flower, wife of William Bridges Adams, an eminent English engineer, contributed it (with others) to a small collection made for a chapel in London. A copy of this collection found its way to Pittsburg, Pa., and Dr. Clarke took "Nearer, My God, to Thee" for the "Service Book." From this it was taken for the "Plymouth Collection," and in a short time was added to nearly all hymn-books. It is sung to the tune of "Bethany," not only in the churches of England and America, but on the continent of Europe and at all missionary stations, for there is not a language into which it has not been translated. Mrs. Adams did not live to see its popularity, dying of consumption a few years after writing it (1849).

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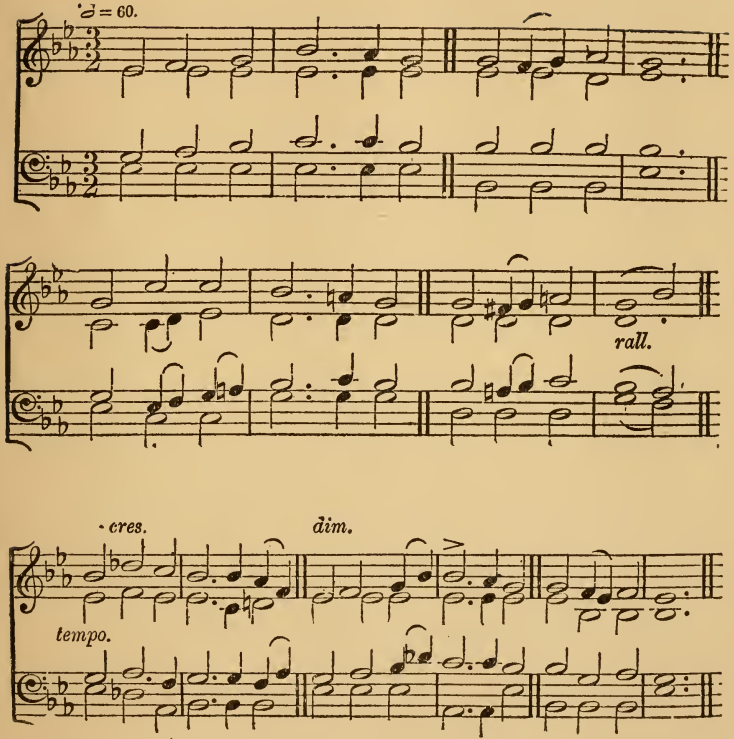
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee;
E'en though it be a cross
That raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be,
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee.

Though like a wanderer,
The sun gone down,
Darkness comes over me,
My rest a stone;
Yet in my dreams I'd be
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee.

There let my way appear
Steps unto Heav'n;
All that Thou sendest me
In mercy given;
Angels to beckon me
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee.

Then, with my waking thoughts
Bright with Thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs
Beth-el I'll raise;
So by my woes to be
Nearer, my God, to Thee,
Nearer to Thee.

Nearer, My God, to Thee.



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